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Welcome Stalwart Baptists of America Welcome

A TREMENDOUS GATHERING

National Baptists Convention Brings Thousands of Delegates and Visitors to Our City

Attendance Far Surpasses the Most Sanguine Expectation and President Jones and Secretary Boyd receive Soul Stirring Ovation

PRESIDENT JONES' ADDRESS WAS A MASTERPIECE

The most inspiring chorus heard in Kansas City for years—composed of the best singers of the two Kansas Cities and many visiting vocalists.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," led by a chorus of 150 voices and joined by 1,500 delegates, representing thirty-eight states, marked the opening of the thirty-sixth annual session of the National Baptist Convention unincorporated (d), yesterday morning at Armory hall, Fourteenth street and Michigan avenue. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the organization when the convention was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Vice-President Robert Mitchell, D. D., of Lexington, Ky.

Divine services were led by the Revs. J. J. James of Alabama, William Hickox of Louisiana and William Hickox of Mississippi. A plantation melody of negro folk songs was sung by the chorus and prayer was offered by Dr. C. H. Clark of Tennessee.

The theme for discussion in the opening session was "The Work of the Holy Spirit," led by J. J. James of Alabama, and discussed by H. C. Stevens of Mississippi, E. W. Hawthorne of Tennessee, H. M. Williams of Texas, William Jones of Texas and V. S. Smith of Kentucky.

An ovation of five minutes duration was accorded Dr. E. P. Jones of Vicksburg, Miss., president of the convention, as he was being escorted to the platform.

Rev. T. J. King, secretary of the convention, who hails from Richmond, Va., read the program for the entire session. It was adopted as submitted by the program committee. Telegrams

of congratulations were read from noted negro Baptists throughout the country. Messages also stated that other large delegations were en route.

Crowd Too Large for Hall.

It became evident early that the



DR. HENRY ALLEN BOYD, the Wizard of the National Baptist Publishing House, Organizer of the National Negro Press Association and a friend to all humanity.

auditorium was not sufficient to take care of the attendance. Dr. Robert Mitchell of Kentucky was called upon to preside and immediately he introduced the Rev. J. W. Hurst, pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist church and chairman of the local reception committee, who introduced W. C. Houston, attorney at law, who delivered an address of welcome as a proxy for Mayor Edwards. The Rev. W. M. Thomas, pastor of Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, extended a welcome on behalf of the Methodists of the city. Nelson C. Crews, past grand master of the negro Masons, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Negro business men and Negro press. A telegram was read from S. W. Brown of Columbia, S. C., announcing his serious illness.

Responses to the addresses of welcome were delivered by Drs. R. B. Porter of Little Rock, Ark., and D. E. Over, pastor of Zion Baptist church, Denver, Colo. President Jones then appointed as a committee on finance the Revs. C. H. Clark of Tennessee, E. W. Bowen of South Carolina, D. B. Gaines of Arkansas, M. M. Haynes and E. H. Branch of Texas and John F. Thomas of Illinois, and as a committee on enrollment, F. H. Cook of Louisiana, G. B. Taylor of Tennessee, S. E. Piercy of Louisiana, D. Abner and M. E. Robinson of Texas, T. J. James of Alabama, H. B. N. Brown of Louisiana and G. W. Alexander of Mississippi.

It was announced that on Friday night Ben J. Davis of Georgia will deliver a special address and a committee consisting of Drs. John E. Woods, moderator of the General Association of Kentucky; L. L. Campbell, president of the general convention of Texas; S. S. Jones, president of the Progressive Baptist convention of Oklahoma, and J. P. Robinson, president of the Progressive Baptist convention of Arkansas, were named to make preparations.

Jubilee Songs a Feature.

The devotions at the evening session were led by Drs. J. J. McCutcheon of Kentucky and P. A. Prince of Texas. More than thirty minutes were then given to the song service in which familiar jubilee songs were rendered. The convention sermon was preached by the Rev. John E. Wood, D. D., moderator of the General Baptist Association of Kentucky. Partial reports from the finance and enrollment committees were made.

Thirty-six years ago the three families of Negro Baptists—the foreign mission of convention, which confined its work to Africa; the old American Baptist mission work in the United States; and the national educational convention, doing educational work throughout the country—became federated under one head known as the national Baptist convention, which has met annually since in various sections of the United States.

support the convention as they should," said T. R. Morton, a layman of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. His church alone gives \$100 a month to foreign and home missions and supports a missionary in the foreign field.

Among the late arrivals is the Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D., the oldest pastor in point of service in Georgia. He has been, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta for thirty-eight years. The Rev. Ernest Hall of Atlanta and Ben J. Davis, who is to speak Friday night, also arrived yesterday.

Little interest is being manifested in the election of officers in the convention as there seems to be no desire on the part of the delegates for a change in the official roster, and it is conceded President Jones and Secretary Boyd will be unanimously re-elected.

Departmental Meetings Held.

Departmental meetings were held by the various boards of the convention. Each board, through its chairman and secretary, carried through a kind of school of methods. Talks on education, home and foreign missions and illustrated lectures on the work of religious education were among the features.

William Jennifer, representing the census bureau at Washington, D. C., was one of the principal speakers at last night's session of the convention. He gave a vivid explanation of the needs of a correct report by the convention as to membership and work, so that the government can have correct information when making up its religious census.

Fifty thousand dollars was voted by the convention for the establishment of a theological seminary to be centrally located among the Negro Baptists. The needs of the seminary had been discussed, but the permanent location has not as yet been permanently decided upon.

The place for holding the next session is not to be decided until tomorrow. Places already mentioned are Louisville, Ky., New Orleans, La., and Little Rock, Ark., with chances favoring New Orleans. The Rev. R. H. Boyd, secretary of the publishing board.

An endorsement of Hughes and Fairbanks and the Republican party was almost put on record by the National Baptist Convention in its morning session yesterday at Fourteenth street and Michigan avenue.

"We are Republicans, most of us, and we plan to support Hughes and Fairbanks in the November election, and we are going to have the laymen



HON. WILLIAM H. HARRISON, of Oklahoma, the noted lawyer who defeated the Jim Crow proposition before the United States Supreme Court who delivered a magnificent address before the National Baptist Convention.

Highland Avenue Baptist church. The sessions are being presided over by Mrs. Prince, vice president at large. The women are pushing mission work and will contribute largely to the support and maintenance of educational institutions now being fostered by the convention, as well as helping in the foreign and home mission work.

Mrs. Georgia DeBaptist Ashburn of Chicago and Mrs. Maude Smith Fuller of Austin, Tex., were elected president and secretary respectively of the woman's convention at 7:30 o'clock at night.

One thousand laymen have already signified their willingness to enroll in the first laymen's volunteer convention that has been organized among Negroes in the United States.

GREATER KANSAS CITY AND JACKSON COUNTY FAIR



Nothing progresses like progress. The "Fair" to take place next week will show a wonderful progress along the lines of substantial development by way of

starting Monday. The idea of the Fair is to present to the public the handiwork, the genius, the art, the products, the labor and other evidences of the progression of Colored people in and about Greater Kansas City. Quite a sum of money will be given away in prizes to various contestants covering a wide variety of lines. Suitable prizes will be given to the best automobile owned by a race person in the city. There will be several classes of entrants from "Fords and Overlands" to "Packards and Pierce Arrows." General serviceable conditions will be observed by judges in making

The culinary art will be largely represented. Cakes, pies and fancy pastry.

Perhaps the most hotly contested feature of this department will be the barbecue "Kings and Queens." There are several in this city claiming to be the "best." We will now have a chance to see just who can put up the most savory lamb or pork or other "venison!"

This fair is the first of its kind to be given along these particular lines in this city on such a large scale. It will serve many elevating purposes. It will discover the real men and women of our

community. It will show the people who have really caught the



spirit of efficiency, the units which are an integral part of the



grand scheme to promote economy—art and science, three assets without which civilization is a byword and progress a vaunted musomner.

Perhaps two of the most inter-

esting features of the program will be the "art display," in which a supervised line will figure. Prizes will be given for the best display of portrait work, landscapes and still life. Some great paintings will undoubtedly be on exhibit. The numerous art clubs who have given bazaar previously and new ones which have sprung up will enter the field for the rich prizes offered in needle work and other exquisite lines.

The official program will have the list of all prizes and all departments but we are giving below a classified list of prizes and their prospective allotment:

Grand Art Club's Contest.

The Art Club for the Most Complete and artistic display.

1st prize\$40.00

2d prize\$20.00

For the Best Individual Display.

1st prize\$10.00

2d prize\$5.00

For the Best Piece of Embroidery.

1st prize\$2.00

2d prize\$1.00

For the Best Piece of Crochet.

1st prize\$2.00

2d prize\$1.00

For China Painting.

1st prize\$2.00

2d prize\$1.00

For Best Piece of Tatting.

1st prize\$2.00

2d prize\$1.00

For Best Quilt.

1st prize\$2.00

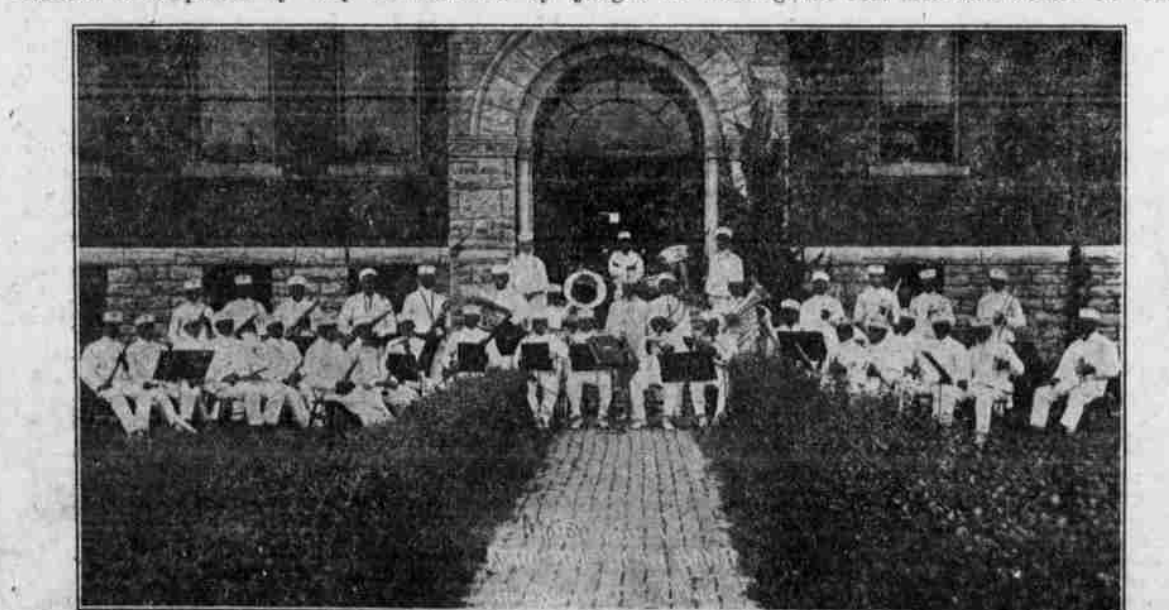
2d prize\$1.00



SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

Vaudeville, dancing and motion pictures.

There will be shown Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that late triumph in picturedom, "The Business League's Parade," a



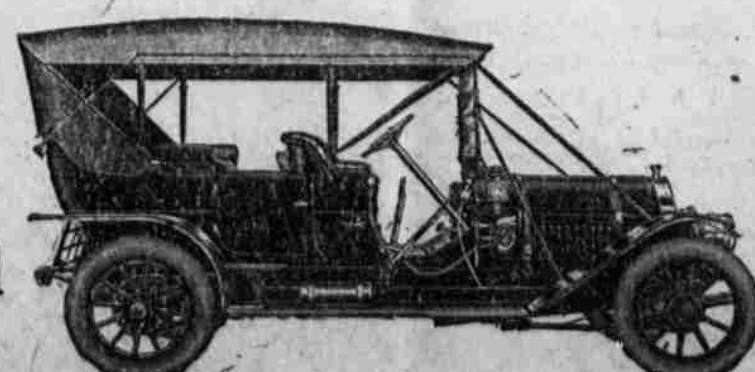
individual achievement. Nothing but a hot contest between numbers of rivals in different pursuits could bring out the display of merit that will be on exhibition at Lincoln Electric Park next week.



their decision. Also a prize to any chauffeur making the best practical answer to a set of 15 questions about the proper handling of a car.

A special prize for the best horse and wagon outfit engaged in some business such as drayage or delivery, etc. Dig up your team and win a prize. General appearance should be the watch word. All are eligible. Whom do you think owns the best looking team in town? There will be prizes for the truck gardner and the poultry raiser. Many vegetables and much poultry are expected to be on display.

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2d prize\$5.00

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great picture of a real live event among race people.

